

**Amendments To The Claims**

The listing of claims presented below will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of claims:**

1. (currently amended) A hearing aid comprising:  
a digital ITE (In-The-Ear) type hearing aid cell including a digital amplifier, a ~~microphone~~ front microphone, and a receiver in one healthy ear; and  
an ear cell including a rear microphone in the other troubled ear,  
wherein the digital hearing aid cell and the ear cell are connected via three external electric wires, the three external electric wires comprising signal, electric power, and ground wires, to adjust a time delay parameter and thus ~~to thereby~~ enhance a directional performance of the hearing aid.
- 2-3. (canceled)